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In re Application of:
KATZ, RONALD A.
Application Serial No.: 09/371,212
Filed: August 10, 1999
For: **SPECIALLY FORMATTED OPTICAL DISK
AND METHOD OF PLAYBACK**

**DECISION
ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition to make special, filed on April 3, 2010 under MPEP § 707.02.

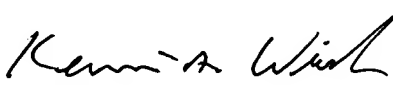
Petitioner requests that the application be considered special.

MPEP § 708.01 [R-2] List of Special Cases, states in part:

(I) Applications pending more than 5 years, including those which, by relation to a prior United States application, have an effective pendency of more than 5 years. See MPEP § 707.02. [emphasis added]

In accordance with MPEP §§ 707.02 and 708.01(I), applications pending over 5 years, including those which by relation to a prior United States application, should be considered special. This application by virtue of its prolonged pendency is considered special in accordance with PTO policy. A petition to effect such status is not necessary. Any request for interview should be initiated via the Examiner.

Accordingly, the petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT.**


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